GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal families who are actually forest dwellers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of schemes implemented by the Government for their welfare; and

(c) the funds sanctioned and released and its utilization reported by the State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a): Demographic details in respect of people residing in forest areas in the country are maintained by the respective State/ Union Territory Governments.

(b): The Ministry administers special area programme of Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes including forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes to bridge critical infrastructural gaps focussing on the sectors like roads, health, education, drinking water etc. A part of special area programme of SCA to TSP is also used for integrated development of forest villages in 12 States where forest dwellers reside. The development envisaged is in terms of providing basic minimum facilities and services like safe drinking water, healthcare, primary education, approach roads and other infrastructure facilities.

(c): The funds released to States and utilisation reported by them during last three years under special area programmes of grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan are at Annexures-I & II . No funds have been sanctioned/ released during the current year so far.